

Portugal's appointment of new Consul in Beira (ME/7237/ii: text) A communique just released by the Foreign Ministry says that the Portuguese Government is going to appoint a new Consul-General in the Mozambican city of Beira. The communique once again rejects the possibility of the Portuguese Consul having been involved in illegal activities in Mozambique. The Foreign Ministry further gives an account of the meeting which took place today between [the Portuguese Foreign Minister] Futscher Pereira, and a special envoy of [the Mozambican Foreign Minister] Joaquim Chissano. Any possibility of a crisis in the relations between the two countries is definitely ruled out. (Lisbon home service 2200 gmt 22 Jan 83)